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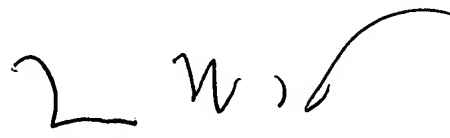
The above supplemental preliminary amendment is made to present additional claims. The new claims are fully supported by the application as originally filed.

Applicants respectfully request that the supplemental preliminary amendment described herein be entered into the record prior to examination and consideration of the above identified application.

If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would advance the prosecution of this application, the Examiner is invited to telephone the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

Respectfully submitted,

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